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## **COUNTY LIBRARIAN WINS NATIONAL AWARD** *Judith Gregg of Solana Beach Branch Wins Librarian of Year Award*

A San Diego County librarian has won a prestigious Librarian of the Year Award for her efforts in making the Solana Beach branch an active center of the community.

Judith Gregg won the award in an annual contest sponsored by the New York Times. A total of 27 public librarians from across the country were recognized by the Times. The Times received nearly 1,500 nominations from 47 states.

Gregg was one of only two West Coast librarians who won awards. (The other is from the Gardena Library in the Los Angeles County system.) Gregg is the first San Diego County librarian to win the award.

Now in its fourth year, the award honors librarians whose "exemplary performance and outstanding community service have made their libraries friendlier and more accessible institutions."

Gregg was nominated by patrons of the Solana library and members of the Friends of the Solana Beach Library group. They credit her for creating and supporting various programs.

Those programs include a knitting circle, a sign language class, a French club, a poetry club, and Spanish and English as a Second Language classes.

Of the award, Gregg said: "It's good for the community. The library here seems to be all things to all people. It's not always a quiet place. It's a very vibrant place."

Gregg, 59, has been the librarian at the Solana branch for three years and been with the county a total of eight years.

Gregg will be in New York Dec. 15 to accept the award. It comes with a \$2,500 check and a commemorative plaque. A separate plaque featuring Gregg's name will be sent to the Solana Beach library.

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